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In re application of:

BEDNARIK *et al.*

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Accessory Molecule

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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

At page 7, line 17, please delete " 12301 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20852" and
insert therefor Patent Depository, 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, VA 20110-2209--.

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In the Claims

~~Please cancel claims 2-5 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.~~

Please amend the following claims:

~~In claim 6 at line 2, please delete "claim 1" and insert therefor --claim 20--.~~

Please add the following new claims:

~~20. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide selected from the
group consisting of:~~

~~(a) a polynucleotide encoding amino acids -17 to 339 of SEQ ID NO:2;~~

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